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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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Date of Interview: 14 December 2006.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: Awaji (JP 2000-148085A).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The applicant's representatives and the examiner discussed the Awaji reference and its use in the rejection of claim 1. The examiner restated his opinion that since the reference teaches of lighting all of the cells, that the cells to be written in all of the subfields will be lit in the predetermined subfield. The applicant's representatives argued that the addressing period would only write cells that are to be lit, and therefore by stating in the claim that "all of the cells to be written in the address periods of all of the plurality of subfields in the display field are written to cause light emission in a predetermined subfield," the applicant has already excluded the cells that aren't going to be lit from the claim language. The applicant's representatives and the examiner then discussed an amendment proposed by the applicant's representatives for claim 1 and for a new claim 22, and came to an agreement that the proposed amendment would overcome the Awaji reference. The examiner also noted that a further search would need to be conducted after the amendment is filed.